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- 2. European Patent Application No. EP 0 791 511 B1 published August 27, 1997 discloses: The equipment has an inflatable airbag, which can be folded up under a lining

component on the roof frame of a vehicle, and which provides side impact protection for the head of an occupant. It is fixed to the frame at two or more points, which lie at the outer ends of the airbag, and which are on its upper side when it is unfolded. The bag may have fastening loops at its fixing points, and a long gas generator may be arranged parallel to it under the lining component. The generator may have a cylindrical outer contour, and may also have separate gas discharge openings on its outer curved surface.

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